GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF TOILETS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey in regard to availability of toilets in rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, the number of villages in the country in which toilet facility is not available;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for providing toilet facility in each village of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) Yes Sir, Government of India has asked the State Governments to conduct the Base Line Survey and to prepare the Project Implementation Plan report for Total Sanitation Campaign Projects.

(b) Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) is being implemented with a district as unit. All villages in the district are covered under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC). At Present 572 districts are covered under the programme.

(c)&(d) Yes Sir, Government of India has already launched Total Sanitation Campaign from April 1999 with the following objectives:
Bring about an improvement in the general quality of life in the rural areas.
Accelerate sanitation coverage in rural areas.
Generate felt demand for sanitation facilities through awareness creation and health education.
Cover schools/Anganwadis in rural areas with sanitation facilities and promote hygiene education and sanitary habits among students.
Encourage cost effective and appropriate technologies in sanitation.
Eliminate open defecation to minimize risk of contamination of drinking water sources and food.
Convert dry latrines to pour flush latrines, and eliminate manual scavenging practice, wherever in existence in rural areas.